

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (ORIGINAL) A communication apparatus, comprising:

a first communication device that receives images and identification information of a camera owned by a user from the camera;

a displaying device that displays the images received from the camera by the first communication device and displays a service menu showing services offered by a service center for the user;

a selecting device that selects an image among the images displayed by the displaying device and selects a service among the services displayed by the displaying device; and

a second communication device that transmits the identification information, the image and information indicating the service to the service center through a network.

2. (ORIGINAL) The communication apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein:

the first communication device automatically starts communicating with the camera when the user connects the camera with the first communication device; and

the second communication device starts communicating with the service center through the network as need arises.

3. (ORIGINAL) A server, comprising:

a communication device that receives identification information of a camera owned by a user from the user;

a recording device that records the identification information and a service menu showing services to be offered to the user; and

a reading device that reads the service menu from the recording device according to the identification information;

wherein the communication device transmits the service menu to the user.

4. (ORIGINAL) The server as defined in claim 3, further comprising:

a payment information recording device that records the identification information and a method of payment;

a payment method reading device that reads the method of payment from the payment information recording device according to the identification information received; and

a charge receiving device that receives a charge for a service in accordance with the method of payment read by the payment method reading device.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A server, comprising:

a communication device that receives identification information of a camera owned by a user from the user;

a recording device that records user setting information on the user associated with the identification information ~~and user information on the user~~; and

a device that reads ~~the user information from the recording device~~ the user setting information associated with according to the identification information received by the communication device and transmits the read user setting information to another communication apparatus.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The server as defined in claim 5, wherein the user setting information includes at least one of the following: a delivery address, a distribution destination of image or audio data, a financial source, a password, an address, a name, a gender, a birthday and an age.

7. (ORIGINAL) The server as defined in claim 5, further comprising:
a payment information recording device that records the identification information and a method of payment;
a payment method reading device that reads the method of payment from the payment information recording device according to the identification information received; and
a charge receiving device that receives a charge for a service in accordance with the method of payment read by the payment method reading device.

8. (ORIGINAL) A server, comprising:

a communication device that receives identification information of a camera owned by a user from the user;

a recording device that records the identification information and utility data showing services used by the user;

a reading device that reads the utility data from the recording device according to the identification information; and

a determining device that determines an order of services in a service menu to be offered to the user in accordance with the utility data;

wherein the communication device transmits the service menu showing the services in the order determined by the determining device.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A server, comprising:

a communication device that receives identification information of a camera owned by a user and a password of the user from the user;

a recording device that records a password associated with the identification information and ~~a password~~;

a verifying device that reads from the recording device the password ~~from the recording device according to associated with the identification information received by the communication device~~ and verifies the received password ~~received by the communication device~~ with the read password ~~read~~; and

a device that allows services to the user when the passwords are the same ~~and~~or prohibits the services to the user when the passwords are different.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A service center, comprising:

a communication device that receives identification information of a camera owned by a user and service information, or the identification information, an image and the service information from the user;

a recording device that records user information on the user associated with the identification information ~~and user information on the user~~; and

a device that reads ~~the user information~~ from the recording device the user information associated with ~~according to~~ the identification information received by the communication device to specify the user, and provides a service corresponding ~~with~~to the service information to the user.

11. (ORIGINAL) The service center as defined in claim 10, wherein the user information includes at least one of the following: a delivery address, a distribution destination of image or audio data, a financial source, a password, an address, a name, a gender, a birthday and an age.

12. (ORIGINAL) The service center as defined in claim 10, further comprising:

a payment information recording device that records the identification information and a method of payment;

a payment method reading device that reads the method of payment from the payment information recording device according to the identification information received; and

a charge receiving device that receives a charge for a service in accordance with the method of payment read by the payment method reading device.

13. (ORIGINAL) The service center as defined in claim 10, wherein the service includes at least one of the following: an image or audio distributing service, an image printing service, a service for publicly opening an image on a network, and a service for saving an image in a server.

14. (ORIGINAL) The service center as defined in claim 13, wherein the user information includes at least one of the following: a delivery address, a distribution destination of image or audio data, a financial source, a password, an address, a name, a gender, a birthday and an age.

15. (ORIGINAL) The service center as defined in claim 13, further comprising:

a payment information recording device that records the identification information and a method of payment;

a payment method reading device that reads the method of payment from the payment information recording device according to the identification information received; and

a charge receiving device that receives a charge for a service in accordance with the method of payment read by the payment method reading device.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A service center which offers an after-sales service on a camera owned by a user in response to a request from the user, the service center comprising:

a communication device that receives identification information of the camera from the user;

a recording device that records after-sales service information associated with the identification information and ~~after-sales service information~~; and

a reading device that reads from the recording device the after-sales service information ~~from the recording device according to associated with the identification information received by the communication device~~;

wherein the communication device transmits the read after-sales service data ~~data-information~~ to the user.

17. (ORIGINAL) The service center as defined in claim 16, wherein the after-sales service information is updating information of a program for the camera.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A service center which offers an after-sales service on a camera owned by a user in response to a request from the user, the service center comprising:

a communication device that receives identification information of the camera and at least one of status information of the camera and history data related to utilization of the camera from the user;

a recording device that records after-sales service information associated with the identification information; and with at least one of the status information and the history information; ~~and after-sales service information of the camera;~~ and

a reading device that reads from the recording device the after-sales service information ~~from the recording device according to associated with the~~ identification information and with the at least one of the status information and the history information received by the communication device,

wherein the communication device transmits the read after-sales service information to the user.

19. (ORIGINAL) The service center as defined in claim 18, wherein the after-sales service information is updating information of a program for the camera.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A service method, comprising the following steps of:

receiving images from a camera connected with a communication apparatus and identification information of the camera from the camera;

displaying the images and a service menu showing services to be offered by a service center on a displaying device of the communication apparatus;

selecting a service from the service menu, or selecting the service and an image among the images; and

transmitting the identification information and service information indicating the service selected, or the identification information, the service information ~~indicating the service~~ and the images through a network.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The service method as defined in claim 20, wherein:

the communication apparatus connects to the service center and transmits the identification information and the image to the service center;

the server which communicates with the communication apparatus through the network has a recording device that records user information on a user of the camera associated with the identification information ~~and user information on the user~~; and

the server reads from the recording device the user information ~~from the recording device~~
~~on reception of~~ associated with the identification information received by the communication
apparatus from the service center and transmits the read user information to the service center.

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The service method as defined in claim 20,
wherein:

the communication apparatus transmits the identification information, the image and the
service information ~~the service~~ to the server through the network;

the server has a recording device that records the user information associated with the
identification information ~~and the user information~~, and reads ~~the user information~~ from the
recording device ~~according to~~ the user information associated with the identification information;
and

the server connects to the service center and transmits the read user information and the
image to the service center.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The service method as defined in claim 20,
wherein:

the server which communicates with the communication apparatus through the network
has a recording device that records a password of the user associated with the identification
information ~~and a password of the user~~; and

the server reads ~~the password~~ from the recording device ~~according to the password~~
~~associated with the received identification information on reception of the identification~~
~~information and a password from the user, and verifies the a password~~ received from the user
with the password read from the recording device, and then allows the service when the
passwords are the same ~~and or~~ prohibits the service when the passwords are different.

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The service method as defined in claim 20,
wherein:

a server which communicates with the communication apparatus through the network has
a recording device that records the service menu associated with the identification information
~~and the service menu~~; and

the server selects ~~the service menu~~ from the recording device ~~on reception of the service~~
menu associated with the identification information received from the user and transmits the
selected service menu to the user.

25. (ORIGINAL) The service method as defined in claim 24, wherein:

the communication apparatus connects to the service center and transmits the
identification information and the image to the service center;

the server which communicates with the communication apparatus through the network
has a recording device that records the identification information and user information on the
user; and

the server reads the user information from the recording device on reception of the identification information from the service center and transmits the user information to the service center.

26. (ORIGINAL) The service method as defined in claim 24, wherein:

the communication apparatus transmits the identification information, the image and information the service to the server through the network;

the server has a recording device that records the identification information and the user information, and reads the user information from the recording device according to the identification information; and

the server connects to the service center and transmits the user information and the image to the service center.

27. (ORIGINAL) The service method as defined in claim 24, wherein:

the server which communicates with the communication apparatus through the network has a recording device that records the identification information and a password of the user; and

the server reads the password from the recording device according to the identification information on reception of the identification information and a password from the user, and verifies the password received from the user with the password read from the recording device, then allows the service when the passwords are the same and prohibits the service when the passwords are different.

28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The service method as defined in claim 20, wherein:

a server which communicates with the communication apparatus through the network has a recording device that records the identification information and utility information related to services used by the user; and

the server reads from the recording device the utility information ~~from the recording device on reception of~~ associated with the identification information received from the user, determines an order of the services in the service menu in accordance with the utility information, and transmits the read service menu in the order to the user.

29. (ORIGINAL) The service method as defined in claim 28, wherein:

the communication apparatus connects to the service center and transmits the identification information and the image to the service center;

the server which communicates with the communication apparatus through the network has a recording device that records the identification information and user information on the user; and

the server reads the user information from the recording device on reception of the identification information from the service center and transmits the user information to the service center.

30. (ORIGINAL) The service method as defined in claim 28, wherein:

the communication apparatus transmits the identification information, the image and information the service to the server through the network;

the server has a recording device that records the identification information and the user information, and reads the user information from the recording device according to the identification information; and

the server connects to the service center and transmits the user information and the image to the service center.

31. (ORIGINAL) The service method as defined in claim 28, wherein:

the server which communicates with the communication apparatus through the network has a recording device that records the identification information and a password of the user; and

the server reads the password from the recording device according to the identification information on reception of the identification information and a password from the user, and verifies the password received from the user with the password read from the recording device, then allows the service when the passwords are the same and prohibits the service when the passwords are different.

32. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A service method in which a recording device records user information on a user of a camera associated with identification information of ~~a the~~ camera ~~owned by a user and user information on the user~~, and at least one of the following is

offered: an image or audio distributing service, an image printing service, a service for publicly opening an image on a network, and a service for saving an image in a server, said service method comprising the steps of:

receiving the identification information and service information indicating a service, or receiving the identification information, an image and the service information from the user; and
reading ~~the user information~~ from the recording device the user information associated with according to the received identification information to specify the user, and providing the service to the user.

33. (ORIGINAL) The service method as defined in claim 32, in which a recording device records the identification information and a method of payment, wherein said service method further comprising the steps of:

reading a method of payment from the recording device in accordance with the identification information; and

receiving a charge for the service from the user in accordance with the method of payment.

34. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A service method in which a recording device records after-sales service information indicating an after-sales service of a camera owned by a user associated with identification information of a ~~the camera owned by a user and after sales~~

~~service information indicating an after-sales service of the camera,~~ and the after-sales service is provided to the user, said service method comprising the steps of:

receiving the identification information from the user;

reading ~~the after-sales service information from the recording device~~ the after-sales service information associated in accordance with the received identification information; and

transmitting the after-sales service information to the user.

35. (ORIGINAL) The service method as defined in claim 34, in which a recording device records the identification information and a method of payment, wherein said service method further comprising the steps of:

reading a method of payment from the recording device in accordance with the identification information; and

receiving a charge for the service from the user in accordance with the method of payment.

36. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A service method in which a recording device records after-sales service information indicating an after-sales service of a camera owned by a user associated with identification information of a the camera owned by a user, and with at least one of status information of the camera and history information related to utilization of the camera, ~~and after-sales service information indicating an after-sales service of the camera,~~ and the after-sales service is provided to the user, said service method comprising the steps of:

receiving the identification information and at least one of the status information and the history information from the user;

reading ~~the after-sales service information~~ from the recording device the after-sales service information associated in accordance with the received identification information and with at least one of the received status information and the received history information; and transmitting the read after-sales service information to the user.

37. (ORIGINAL) The service method as defined in claim 36, in which a recording device records the identification information and a method of payment, wherein said service method further comprising the steps of:

reading a method of payment from the recording device in accordance with the identification information; and

receiving a charge for the service from the user in accordance with the method of payment.

38. (NEW) The communication apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein the second communication devices transmits the identification information to the service center according to an operation mode of the camera in order to execute logon to the service center.

39. (NEW) The communication apparatus as defined in claim 38, wherein the operation mode of the camera includes an image storage mode and a video conference mode.

40. (NEW) The server as defined in claim 3, wherein the reading device reads the service menu according to a function of the camera that is specified by the identification information.

41. (NEW) The server as defined in claim 3, wherein the recording device reads the service menu according to a user of the camera that is specified by the identification information

42. (NEW) The server as defined in claim 8, wherein the utility data includes frequencies in the use of the services.